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## PATENT

**Applicant:** Fleischman

**Serial No.:** 10/098,695

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**Title:** Method and Apparatus for Electrically Isolating a Portion of the Atria

**Group Art Unit:** 3731

**Examiner:** Truong

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### COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated August 25, 2004, applicant notes for the record that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance "is not intended to necessarily state all the reasons for allowance or all the details why claims are allowed." [MPEP 1302.14.] Additionally, the inventions claimed in the present application respectively comprise various elements in combination. Applicant respectfully submits that the patentability of each invention derives from the claimed combination of elements defining that invention, viewed as a whole, rather than from the presence of any particular element (or elements) in the combination.

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